GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1430
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JAPANESE ASSISTANCE FOR POLIO ERADICATION
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Japan has offered assistance for the polio eradication in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the assistance is likely to be received?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Japan agreed on June 3, 2002 to extend a grant assistance of 750 million yen (approximately equivalent to Rs.29 crores) for the project of the eradication of Poliomyelitis in India to cover the north-eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and the states of Bihar and West Bengal.The grant will also cover various operational expenses, besides supporting supply of Oral Polio Vaccine. The supplies and equipment will be procured by UNICEF and made available for this campaign.

(c) The assistance is likely to be received during the current financial year.